

## FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

Field Day was a great success. We didn't make the greatest score, but we were able to put up a new antenna structure and go to a unfamiliar spot.

Thanks to all who participated.

I will be on the road to Alaska starting on the 17th. I will be leaving APRS tracks and will try to monitor 14270khz around 1800 local time.

—73, Jim, K6UUW

### NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held at the EOC at the Sonoma PD.

Topic: TBA

## Minutes of June 19, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by the honorable President Jim Hill.

Members present at the meeting were: K6UUW (Jim), KG6QNT (Eileen), KD6FIL (Dave), KK6BJH (Virgil), KF6FZM (Dick), NJ6E (Stan), KE6HID (Andrew), KI6JNU (Moe), W1USO (Richard), W1EJ (Ed), WB6TMH (Mike), KG6N (Frank), N6KM (Ken), WD6BOR (Darrel), KA2QQO (Declan), N7PIB (San), K6KLL (Alan), KJ6UMG (Tom), KJ6QIQ (Scott), KJ6EIG (Bill)

Guests: Suzanne Heiser, Dale Ingraherm

Minutes were approved with no corrections!!!

### Report from officers:

**Vice President:** Frank, KG6N, No baby yet. He is moving to Redding in a couple of weeks.

**Treasurer,** Eileen, KG6QNT: we currently have \$2512.76 dollars in the bank. We have paid the insurance for next year. Hamfest made \$266 profit on a gross of \$1169 and \$903 in expenses. Dues collected to date are \$465.

**ACS,** Ken, N6KM: No news

**Secretary:** Dave, KD6FIL: VOMARC paid the insurance. We sent a letter in support of the City of Sonoma's request to maintain the current agreement for the Sonoma Vets building.

**Website:** Is looking good.

Newsletter: Jim found an old article from the IJ about the first meeting of VOMARC and Eileen put it in the newsletter.

**Training Officer:** The High School has some students working on Arduino projects with the Vice Principal.

### Old Business

Name tags. Jim took a count of who needs name tags. Virgil, KK6BJH indicated he needed one.

Field Day – Jim did an interview with KI6MSP on KSVY about ham radio and field day.

### New Business

A card and gift were presented to our esteemed Vice President, Frank, KG6N, as a thank you for all his work with VOMARC over the years. He will be missed as he moves up to Redding. A motion was made and seconded to change Frank's name from 'Little Frank' to 'Frank'.

Young Eagles is July 14 (always the second Sunday of the Month) sponsored by the EAA. Kids for 8 – 17 can get a free airplane flight. VOMARC sets up a demonstration station at the event at the Sonoma Skypark on 8<sup>th</sup> Street East.

The International Lighthouse on the Air event is scheduled for August 17 and 18. We have obtained the call sign N6P for the event. Ken submitted the announcement to QST. If you are interested in participating please let Ken, N6KM know. We need more member support to make this happen.

Darrel, WD6BOR had a box of electrical tape he was giving away. It went quickly.

SCRA has installed a new antenna for the repeater on English Hill. 147.315+. Field Day is June 22 and 23. Always fun and will be at the Sonoma Skypark this year.

The Christmas party is December 11 at Mary's Pizza.

The July 17 meeting will be at the EOC and the subject will be the Arduino.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The program for the evening was a planning for Field Day.

—Respectfully submitted, Dave, KD6FIL

## **DX: ARRL Announces Colvin Awards to DXpeditions**

The ARRL has made [Colvin Award](#) grants to help support three upcoming DXpeditions. Recipients are the [K9W Wake Atoll](#), [T33A Banaba Island](#) and [FT5ZM Amsterdam Island](#) DXpeditions. The K9W DXpedition is scheduled for September-October 2013, the T33A DXpedition for November 2013 and the FT5ZM DXpedition for January-February 2014. (from ARRL newsletter)

—submitted by Jim K6UUW

## **Ham Radio in Space: HamTV Project to Open "A New Era" for ARISS**

The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARRL) program hopes an Amateur Radio digital TV system will be up and running

aboard the International Space Station by later this year. A project initiated by AMSAT-Italy, HamTV would provide one-way video and audio from the ISS to complement the FM radio voice link used for ARISS school group radio contacts. According to an overview paper drafted by ARISS-Europe Chairman Gaston Bertels, ON4WF, a DATV downlink on S-Band (2.4 GHz) is under development to place aboard the ISS Columbus module in August. Columbus already sports the necessary antenna. As a debate between the merits of analog versus digital TV aboard the ISS continued, Bertels says, the digital system got a big boost from Italian astronaut Paolo Nespoli, IZØJPA, who had conducted ARISS school contacts in 2010 and 2011, when he was aboard the ISS. (from ARRL newsletter)

—submitted by Jim K6UUW

## **Ham Radio on the Road: Flying With Spare Rechargeable Batteries May Require Preparation**

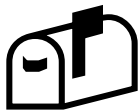
FAA regulations let you travel with dry cells in either your carry-on or checked baggage, but prohibit loose lithium batteries in checked baggage. But what about rechargeables in carry-on luggage? Stu Martin, K2QDE, reports that he ran into a small hitch when attempting to carry his spare hand-held transceiver battery in his carry-on bag. A notice within his boarding pass declared: "Lithium Batteries: Carriage of spare lithium batteries is not permitted in checked baggage."

If you put a portable electronic device in checked baggage, you may still do so with the batteries installed in the device. Spare lithium batteries in carry-on luggage must have the terminals insulated and must be placed inside a protective case or plastic bag." Martin taped the battery's terminals and stowed it in a bag.

The FAA rules apply to "consumer-sized lithium ion batteries," including "larger, extended-life laptop batteries." The FAA adds this caveat, however: "Even if an item is generally permitted, it may be subject to additional screening or not allowed through the checkpoint if it triggers an alarm during the screening process, appears to have been tampered with, or poses other security

concerns. The final decision rests with TSA on whether to allow any items on the plane." More information is available on the FAA Web site. (from ARRL Newsletter)

—submitted by Jim K6UUW



## We Get E-Mail

73 MAGAZINE has finally been Released to the Public Domain by Wayne Green. You

can freely download ALL 43 YEARS Month-By-Month or as One HUGE 500+ Issue 20GB

Torrent File (takes D-A-Y-S to download). I have EVERY ISSUE 1960-2003 as Hi-Quality PDF's.

—Submitted by Darrel WD6BOR

Here's a handy tip from Make Magazine reader Bradd Libby, "Wet your soldering sponge with tea. It's slightly acidic and will give the soldering iron a wonderfully clean tip."

—submitted by Jim K6UUW

# FIELD DAY 2013



## 2013 ACS Net Control Assignments

	Name	Call
JANUARY	EILEEN	KG6QNT
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	KEN	N6KM
APRIL	KEN	N6KM
MAY	RACHEL	KI6HDG
JUNE	GEORGE	K6ITE
JULY	CRAIG	KF6QZP
AUGUST	DEAN	KI6FFM
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WD6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

## 2013 VOMARC Net Control Assignments

	Name	Call
JANUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	STAN	NJ6E
APRIL	DAVE	KG6FIL
MAY	FRANK	KG6N
JUNE	ED	W1EJ
JULY	BILL	KJ6EIG
AUGUST	CRAIG	KF6QZP
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

## THE VOMARC WIRELESS VOLUME 17 EDITION 7

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### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Jim Hill, K6UUW – President, Training Officer

Frank Wiebusch, KG6N – Vice-President,

Dave Dammuller, KD6FIL – Secretary

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT – Treasurer

Mike Miller, WB6TMH – Radio Officer

Ken McTaggart, N6KM – ACS Unit Leader

Sanford Smith, N7PIB – VE Liaison

Jim Hill, K6UUW – Elmer Coordinator

Ken McTaggart, N6KM – Station Trustee for W6AJF

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT – Webmeistress, Editor

*Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits  
of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.*

**CLUB MEETINGS** are held on the third Wednesday of  
each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma  
Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire  
Station on 2<sup>nd</sup> St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30  
P.M.).

**WEB PAGE:** <http://www.vomarc.org/>

**Nets** are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30  
P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350  
repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

**ACS** holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on  
the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

**PACKET STATION INFO:** The VOMARC packet station  
is off the air until further notice.

**CLUB BREAKFASTS** are held on the first Saturday of  
each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant,  
18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at  
09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

Eileen@vom.com

**Valley of the Moon ARC, Inc.**

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175 First Street West  
Sonoma, CA 95476





## Legends Premieres Quiz



By **Jim Schock**

Old radio fans, this should be easy. Match the program with the year it premiered on the air.

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|-----------------------|---------|
| 1. The Aldrich Family | a. 1930 |
| 2. Duffy's Tavern     | b. 1933 |
| 3. Escape             | c. 1936 |
| 4. Stan Freeberg      | d. 1939 |
| 5. The Shadow         | e. 1940 |
| 6. Jack Armstrong     | f. 1946 |
| 7. The Line Up        | g. 1947 |
| 8. Gang Busters       | h. 1948 |
| 9. Our Miss Brooks    | i. 1950 |
| 10. Sam Spade         | j. 1957 |



Tricky: Duffy's first appeared on "Forecast"  
1-d, 2-e, 3-g, 4-j, 5-a, 6-b, 7-i, 8-c, 9-h, 10-f

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE Wed, JULY 17, 7:30pm at the City of Sonoma EOC, 175 1<sup>st</sup> St West, behind the Sonoma Police Department  
SEE YOU THERE.**

### VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

**VOMARC 2013** Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).  
QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ APT: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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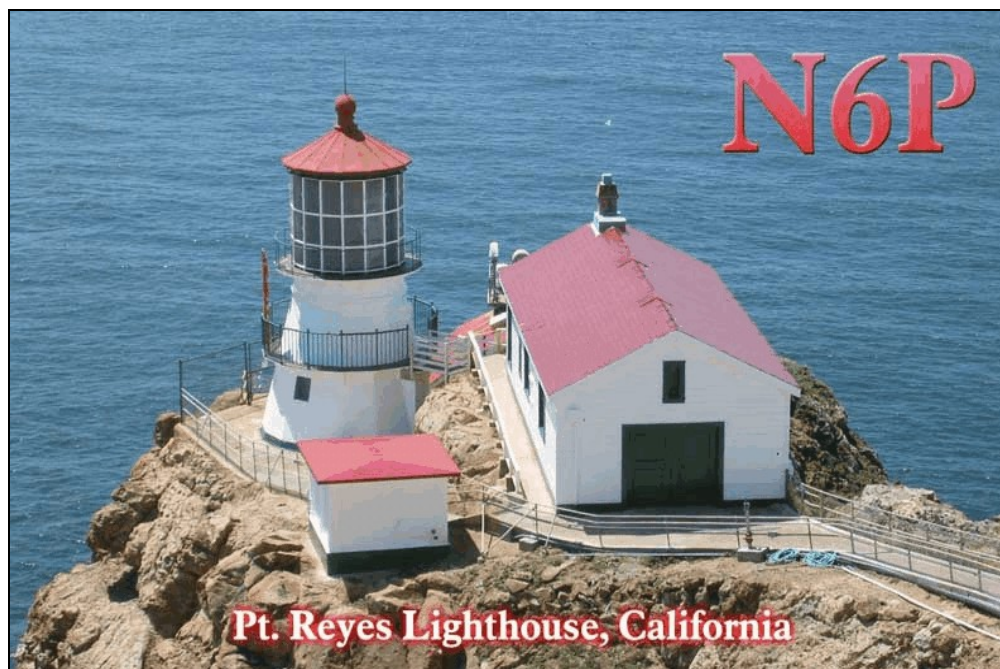
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### Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1<sup>st</sup> St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting.

Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC.**

*Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club in  
cooperation with the National Park Service will  
activate*



## Amateur Radio Station -N6P

**Sat. & Sun. Aug. 17-18, 2013 - 1600Z to 2359Z**

SSB: 14270,7270 kHz; PSK: 14070, 7035 kHz; CW: 14040 kHz

QSLs via W6AJF w/S.A.S.E.

Point Reyes is the windiest place on the Pacific Coast and the second foggiest place on the North American continent. The lighthouse, built in 1870 and retired in 1975, is now under management by the National Park Service. It is the one of the few lighthouses in the U. S. which have the original Fresnel lens and clockwork mechanism in working order.

[ See [www.vomarc.org](http://www.vomarc.org), [www.nps.gov/PORE](http://www.nps.gov/PORE) and [www.illw.net](http://www.illw.net) ]

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